<u>REMARKS</u>

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-14 are presently active in this case, Claims 2, 6, and 10 having been amended and Claim 1 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by way of the present Amendment.

Claims 2-14 have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2, 6, and 10 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base Claim 1. Therefore, Claims 2-14 are in condition for allowance. Additionally, the outstanding rejection has been rendered moot, and thus the application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Applicants respectfully request the entry of the amendment set forth herein as the amendments place the allowable subject matter in condition for allowance, and cancel without prejudice or disclaimer the sole rejected claim.

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Consequently, in view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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